

HOUSE BILL 1542
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7, relative to certain sexual offenses
committed on the grounds of institutions of higher
education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-129, is amended by deleting subsections (b) and (c) in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) Regardless of whether a public or private institution of higher education has entered into a mutual assistance agreement with a law enforcement agency pursuant to § 49-7-118, the chief security officer or chief law enforcement officer of such institution shall immediately notify, unless otherwise provided by federal law, the local law enforcement agency with territorial jurisdiction over the institution if the medically unattended death of a person occurs on the property of such institution. The chief security officer or chief law enforcement officer shall designate one (1) or more persons who shall have the authority and duty to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency in the absence of the chief security officer or chief law enforcement officer.

(c) Upon notification pursuant to subsection (b), it shall be the duty of each law enforcement agency to participate in a joint investigation of the death. The local law enforcement agency shall lead the investigation into the death.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2207, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply if the offense the student is believed to have committed is a sexual assault of any kind and the victim of such assault does not consent to the reporting of the offense.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.